

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Michael Kelly
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Department of Justice

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Security for the Foreign Intelligence
Surveillance Court

1. This is further to suggestions bearing on the security of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court made by [redacted] during his March 12 visit to the Department of Justice Building. The blueprint of the sixth floor space of that building is returned herewith with thanks.

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2. We believe that the security of the court and its proceedings would be enhanced if the following measures were taken:

a. Reconfiguration of the spaces marked "A" on the attached blueprint copy as follows:

(1). Dedicate the space marked "A-1" for use by the security officer designated for the court. This would involve closing off the interior door marked "X" and installing a door from that office to the corridor. The object would be to provide working space for the security officer which would be close to the court premises and the judge's chambers.

(2). Installing an interior door in the general vicinity of "A-2" so as to permit use of the remaining "A" area without having to use the corridor between the court premises and the judge's chambers.

(3). Associated with (2) above, closing off the doors opening on the corridor from the remaining "A" area (general locations of existing doors marked as "A-3"). This,

associated with item "b" below, would limit access to the area used by the court and its personnel to those directly associated with the court and to Department of Justice security personnel.

b. Limiting access to the corridor between the court hearing room and judge's chambers, as follows:

(1). Install controlled access doors across the corridor at the places marked "B". Such doors should be equipped with push button, cypher or card controlled locks openable only by court members, court personnel, the court security officer, and Department of Justice security personnel.

(2). Equip the double doors to the elevator lobby at the place marked "C" with panic bars so as to preclude unauthorized entry to the controlled corridor yet permit exit.

c. Install a secure telephone extension in the secure conference room for use by persons dealing with the court who have need to obtain in a secure and timely manner, additional information requested by a judge in particular cases. It is understood that a secure telephone is already installed on the sixth floor of the building and that the secure conference room is configured to permit installation of the necessary conduit. The availability of such a telephone should reduce the need to continue cases with attendant extra handling of sensitive documents before the court.

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Attachments

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